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For: USE OF SULFATED

GLYCOSAMINOGLYCANS FOR

ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE LABOR IN

WOMEN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. §1.114)

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-11, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.